Drug awareness campaign and de-addiction centres

662. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to launch drug awareness campaign at the places of the country, which are recognized as foreign tourist destinations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also proposes to open up new de-addiction centres for the local residents, at such places; and

(d) the details of the amount likely to be sanctioned for the purpose, state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON): (a) There is no proposal to launch drug awareness campaign at the places of the country, which are recognized as foreign tourist destinations.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Hostels meant for SC/ST students

663. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that hostels built for SC/ST students at various places are being used for other purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to get them vacated and put to use of SC/ST Students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON): (a) and (b) The report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (of 2007) has pointed out some cases of misutilization of hostels meant for SC/ST students for other purposes, in Assam, Jharkhand, Manipur, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Some instances of misutilization are, use of hostel buildings for running of Govt. offices, schools, beggars' home, staff residence etc.

(c) The maintenance and proper utilization of hostels is the responsibility of the concerned State Government/UT Administration/implementing agencies. The instances of misutilization as brought out in the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General have been communicated to the concerned State Governments for remedial measures and submission of compliance reports.